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PARAGRAPHS CONCERNING MICHIGAN

(By Ed A. Nowack)

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 25.—For the sum of \$1,500 a private wrecking concern is attempting to raise the Conservation Department patrol boat No. 1 that sank in 10 feet of water 15 miles northeast of Bay City. The boat was a 65-footer with 10-foot beam, has oil burning engines capable of developing 140 horse power and cost \$35,000 to build.

Development company officials and experts on resort business estimate that the next five years in Michigan will see \$10,000,000 worth of resort property placed on the assessment rolls of the state by reason of improved cement highways along the lake shores.

"Duke" Chilson, Associated Press reporter at the capitol, who for years has been on the alert to keep news sources from "putting it over" on him, found out his sorrow December 16 that he couldn't fool other reporters in Lansing about his secret marriage. He managed to keep it quiet for a few days but when "Duke" failed to follow his usual habits the boys that it funny and exacted their toll from the newlyweds.

Level of Lake Michigan is 26 inches below normal. Prof. Hoad of Ann Arbor reports. Five inches of this fall is attributed to the Chicago drainage canal, two and one-half inches to power plant diversions, one and one-half inches to channel improvements in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers and the balance due to insufficient rainfall.

Michigan leads the union in the matter of controlling its vehicular traffic. She will take a leading part to bring about uniform traffic laws throughout the nation.

Seventy-two per cent of the accidental deaths in Michigan are due to vehicular traffic and 35 per cent of these deaths are children, traffic bureau men state.

Plans are under foot to reclaim some of the river bottom of the Detroit river at Bell Isle for an airplane landing field.

Huron county, keeping track of its traffic violations on the highways for one year, ending October 1, last, reports 139 arrests.

For the week ending November 9 the state and private ferries at Mackinac City carried 1,731 autos across the straits.

Eight cases of extortion have been reported to the authorities in Michigan during the last year for prosecution.

Cities in Michigan hold 61 per cent of the population of the state, the country holds the remaining 39 per cent. On a statewide basis her population is 65 to the square mile.

Michigan is one-third of the area of Japan with her 34 millions; one-fourth the area of France with her 4 millions; one-fourth the area of Germany with her 64 millions.

The length of Michigan from Ohio line to Ironwood in the upper peninsula is 650 miles. Her average width is 200 miles.

Michigan ranks fifth in internal revenue collections for the government; is sixth in mineral wealth and seventh in manufacturing products.

About one person in every six in Michigan today owns an automobile and this rate is to be lowered next year, according to the best estimates.

WORKING 12 MONTHS IN YEAR.

Al Weber, editor and publisher of the Cheboygan Democrat, in a recent issue, says editorially: "The only agency that is working for us twelve months in the year is the Development Bureau. The only agency that is shouting our praises from the hill tops is the Development Bureau. Surely it is worth more money to the county than what we pay to have some organization sing our praises into the ears of the world and drown out the pessimistic squawks we emit at home."

Mr. Weber vigorously discusses the unenthusiastic attitude of several of the supervisors toward an appropriation to the Development Bureau which appropriation he estimates as an "insignificant sum" and points out that the county spends nothing by any other means to advertise itself except what its two newspapers do at their own expense.

Many Blessings. The Bay City Times Tribune, editorially discussing in its issue of December 18, the sinking of a shaft for gold at Alpena, a blast of gas at Hillman and the possibility of the presence of rich oil deposits in Northeastern Michigan, under the caption, "Earth's Treasures," pays a glowing and lasting tribute to the prodigality in the shape of fertile acres, wonderful natural resources to attract tourists and an equable climate. The editorial closes in these words:

"And then there is another treasure which Northeastern Michigan possesses in lavish abundance—the great spaces of open air, the lakes and streams, the fish and game which lure to the out-of-doors, to health and to pleasure and which are attracting people in ever-increasing numbers every season and bringing every year hundreds of thousands of dollars to those who reside in this land of plenty."

"Surely Northeastern Michigan is already blessed with the treasures of the earth and should the gold diggers of the oil and gas seekers finally find that for which they are seeking, what a lot of things we of Northeastern Michigan will have to brag about and be thankful for."

S. H. Co. Presents Water Views

MASS MEETING HELD AT BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS.

An open meeting, called by Salling Hanson Co., for the purpose of considering the proposition offered by the Village council for providing a new water works, was held at the Board of Trade rooms Monday night. About 70 persons were present.

Mr. R. Hanson, for the company, opened the meeting and explained the purpose for which it was called. Among the things he said were the following:

Salling Hanson Co. had made an offer to sell the present system, on the north side of the river, for the sum of \$7,000 and would do the pumping for three years for the sum of \$3,500 per year, and the Village was to have all the income derived from the water user, amounting to about \$4,000 per year.

Should the offered proposition pass, all tax payers would have to help pay for water whether they use it or not. Non-water takers would have to help pay the water tax as well as would those who use water.

Salling Hanson Company has been doing business in Grayling 45 years and has always treated the people they believe fairly. This year the company pay in taxes in the county \$20,000, which goes to show that they have assumed their part of the burden of running the local governments, and have done so without complaint.

He stated that wrought iron pipe was not sanitary and lasted only about five or six years. In addition to the cost of the proposed plant, it was required, a superintendent and three men to operate it, besides the fuel, costing, he estimated, about \$10,000 a year. With this and the raising of \$20,000 each year for two years, was more than the company could stand.

They would sell the present system on reasonable terms. They have no franchise and the Village could tell them to stop at any time they wanted to. If they continue they must have a franchise, however, he preferred that the system be taken over by a stock company, everyone desiring to do so be privileged to take stock.

Taxes are high now, he stated, and expenditures should be held down. He had been corresponding with the Dow Chemical Company of Midland, hoping that they would locate a chemical plant in Grayling, and that we have here in the ground the material required for such a plant. He had also written the du Pont Company asking if they would sell their local plant at a reasonable figure.

He himself, he stated, hoped to continue operations here for some time, and when the big mill ceased to operate as a lumber mill it was intended to continue manufacturing as a box factory, and there is enough timber here to keep such a factory running for many years. And also negotiations are being held with the federal government to take some of their land for reforestation.

The proposed plan would be an unfavorable tax upon the people. Regarding the water, there is now good water in the homes, from the people's own wells in their own kitchens. He would consider it a sad mistake for the people to pass the proposed proposition.

Attorney Geo. L. Alexander asked the chairman of the special Village water works committee what kind of water pipe they were planning to use for the proposed new system. Mr. Sales replied that that was still a matter of detail that would have to be worked out, and that the engineers who submitted the proposed plan intended using the kind of pipe that was used in the new Kalamazoo plant that they had helped to install. And they had been aided in determining the cost of construction of a plant here from the known costs of the Kalamazoo plant. Mr. Alexander maintained that the kind of pipe intended to be used was an important matter and the people should have definite information as to the kind of pipe that would be used before they could intelligently vote upon the project.

Mr. R. Hanson, continuing his remarks, said that the report that Salling Hanson Company would quit in two years was all "bunk."

Marius Hanson stated that the new proposition of the Council was too indefinite. Nobody seems to be sure the proposed system could be built for \$40,000.

Continuing, he said that soon after January 1st the Grayling Electric Co., of which he is the manager, expected a representative from the Fairbanks Morse Co., manufacturers of gas and oil engines, to come to Grayling to see what can be done about adding extra power to the present plant. He maintained that unless contracts can be secured for supplying electricity for the pumping of the city water and also for supplying electric power to the M. C. R. roundhouse shops, that the future outlook will not warrant further enlargement of their electric service. "We are at a point now where we can't take care of the business we now have," he said.

Mr. R. Hanson added that the tax proposition was preposterous—"bond and let the coming generations help pay for it. They are the ones to receive the greatest benefit from it."

Frank Sales, chairman of the special water works committee of the council, gave an account of the conditions that led up to the proposal made by the Council, asking the voters to empower them to raise \$40,000 for the purpose of constructing a new water works system in the village, the money to be raised by taxation covering

a period of two years. Much of the matter produced by Mr. Sales was published in the Avalanche last week in the official Council proceedings. He gave the citizens to understand that the proposal by the council was made in good faith, with no intended injustice to anyone, and looking only to the welfare of the community.

The bond issue that was proposed by the council about a year ago seemed to meet with disapproval, therefore the council determined to offer the present tax-plan proposal. It was necessary that some action be taken at once.

T. W. Hanson, speaking as a private citizen, stated that he considered that municipal ownership was an expensive proposition, according to what he had read. "In the proposition offered today, we have never had a definite understanding," he said, "personally he was in favor of an adequate water system, but is not in favor of paying for such a plant in two years. The Council was wrong in not replying to Salling Hanson Company's offer, either accepting or rejecting the proposition or making a counter offer."

Walter Nadeau said he did not agree with Mr. Hanson (T. W.) in what he said about municipal ownership. Mr. Nadeau said that because he was frequently interrupted in his speech, he was unable to say the things he wanted to so has requested, after the meeting that the Avalanche publish an article that he would submit on the matter, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Another Purebred. The good work goes on. Francis Nepew, of Lovells, shipped in last week, by express, a pair of purebred Guernsey cows, giving milk and bred to a \$5,000 sire. Francis and his father, Alfred Nepew, have for quite a while had a longing for genuine purebred stock; so they have centered their choice upon Guernseys, which are a splendid type of dairy animal.

They started the good work by getting rid of the whole bunch of scrub stock, about 27 head. Now they can start in right.

If Francis keeps his grit up he will find himself in five or six years, in possession of a nice purebred herd of beautiful cattle that will bring in a steady income winter and summer.

We congratulate the Nepewes, father and son. Haven't we some other parents in the county who will help the boy in the family to get a purebred of some kind?

Better Feeding. Whoever wishes to prosper by keeping purebreds or scrubs, must learn more about the art of good feeding. The number of good feeders in Crawford county is small, very small. Too many have the idea that what they can cheat a cow out of in the winter is clear gain. It has never proved so. Cows, if dry and carrying a calf, should receive the choicest care, so that the cow will gain in flesh, and be really fit when the calf is born. This gives the cow a running start on her next milking period, gives her a reason for being milked heavily. It also gives the calf a better start, and usually makes it stronger and bigger.

Can't Get Something for Nothing. You can't raise the lousy calves from half-starved cows. You can't grow good, large-producing cows from calves born of half-starved mothers.

Too Much. There has been too much for many years, of keeping scrub, low-producing cows, and those half fed. Results plainly show it. There is more butter shipped to Grayling than our farmers bring in. All that money that is sent out will go towards making our farmers more comfortable.

Why Not Begin? Why cannot more of our farmers make the barns warm? Why not put in more windows? Lots of light is one thing that goes with making cows do well. Most of our barns are too dark. Why not put in a tank heater and have the chills well off the water when the cows drink? Cold water in the cows' belly reduces the amount of milk she produces and has to be warmed by the feed she eats.

Cows need to be watered in winter more often than farmers generally water them.

They should not be allowed to stand out in the cold winds, which reduces the amount of milk they give. Cows (Continued on last page)

TOURISTS LEFT \$350,000 IN PORT HURON.

Rose Mahon of Port Huron, secretary of the Port Huron Summer Resort bureau, says "A census of the cars visiting Port Huron during the season just passed shows that 125,000 automobiles passed thru Port Huron during the summer. Every tourist car leaves about \$3.00 in Port Huron, so from this agency alone Port Huron profited to the extent of between \$350,000 and \$400,000. The summer resorters spend more money than the tourists, naturally, and we conclude that the tourist and resorter left approximately \$750,000 in Port Huron in 1924. Another \$750,000 was left along the shore between Port Huron and Harbor Beach, so that \$1,500,000 was spent in our section."

TEN DIE WHEN SOO TRAIN IS WRECKED

BROKEN SWITCH BOLT GIVEN AS PROBABLE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

TRESTLE IS SCENE OF ACCIDENT

Derailed Cafe Car Topples Over and Plunges into Icy Waters of River 60 Feet Below

Chippewa Falls, Wis.—Ten persons were killed and nine injured when the last coach of an eastbound Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie passenger train plunged from the trestle over the Chippewa river here last week into the icy waters 60 feet below.

Four of the dead have been identified as Mr. Harry Jones, Sioux City, Iowa; Charles M. Pardos, Neapolis; Barbara Spencer, 8-month-old daughter of M. L. Spencer, Seattle, and Kenneth J. Henderson, Moose Jaw, Sask.

A broken switch bolt apparently was the cause of the accident, which occurred as the train had just pulled out of the Chippewa Falls depot and picked up speed, then was slowing down again for the usual caution for the crossing of a 700-foot bridge that spans the Chippewa river about one-half of a mile from the station.

Three cars had passed over a switch near the bridge when a bolt broke. The switch closed on the cafe car which left the rails. The engineer applied the brakes in a desperate effort to halt the train before the derailed car should reach the bridge.

The car reached the edge of the bridge, however, before the train could be stopped, and toppled half off the bridge and half off the bank, crashing through the ice and lying on its side in the river, half submerged.

Train men from the train and others were first to reach the car over the river ice and start pulling out the dead and injured.

The gates of the Wisconsin dam, three miles up stream were closed and the water thus was lowered nearly two feet at the scene of the wreck greatly expediting rescue work.

WOODRUFF AIDS FORESTRY ACT

Bill Provides for Federal Program of Reforestation

Washington—Forty million dollars for a progressive program of reforestation, a good proportion of which would be used in Michigan, is proposed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Roy O. Woodruff of the tenth district. A like measure was presented in the senate by Senator McNary, of Oregon.

This would make \$3,000,000 available July 1, 1927, and the same amount annually through the fiscal year of 1930. Beginning July 1, 1930, \$5,000,000 would be available yearly. The last appropriation becoming due July 1, 1925.

Mr. Woodruff predicted the passage of the bill would mean that in Michigan alone a million acres would be taken over for the reforestation work of the federal government.

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR REPORTED

Dispatches Indicate Upheaval Over Issue of "Trotskyism"

Washington—Soviet Russia is undergoing a cataclysmic upheaval with the two strongest elements in communism arrayed against each other and terrible fighting in the streets of Moscow according to reports reach Washington.

While neither the White House nor state department have received a confirmation of the fighting is regarded if true as being one of the most significant crises in the communist experiment in government.

Meager dispatches which had been entering through indicates that a conflict bordering on civil war exists in Moscow over the issue of "Trotskyism."

Leon Trotsky, columnist of a Russian paper is reported to be backed by the Red army.

OLDUP MEN MAKE \$8,000 HAUL

Detroit Market Men Bound, Gagged With Adhesive Tape by Thugs

Detroit, Mich.—A holdup gang staged a systematic robbery last Sunday night in which stall keepers in the Broadway market were the victims. The market men surrendered approximately \$8,000. Two engineers and six shopkeepers of the place were forced into the basement, bound and gagged with adhesive tape.

The burglars then set leisurely to work. After having rifled several safes in the various shops, using a sledge hammer to batter combinations, they sauntered out and escaped—presumably in an automobile that had been standing in the alley near a door at which they entered.

The robber victims, who, with the exception of the one of the engineers, had been seized when they came to the market after the marauders were in possession.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Rev. Alan Pressley Wilson

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CHRISTMAS be merry, and withal. And feast the poor neighbor, the great with the small.

So wrote the poet Tassier many years ago, but the suggestion is just as pertinent today as it was then. If anything, we need to be reminded of our duty to our fellow-man more today than our fathers did—more today, indeed, than ever before. This is true because the need for brotherhood is even more patent than at any other period of the history of the world.

We live in an age when we think solely of ourselves and our immediate families and we should have brought to our attention the fact that we owe a debt to our neighbor and that that debt must be paid. The story is told of a rich man who prayed: "Oh, Lord! bless me and my wife, my son, John, and his wife. Us four. And no more!"

We blush for shame that there could be found one who is so narrow, yet I am assured that such people exist today. There are those who, when they have satisfied the needs of their own, assume a self-satisfied air and say that they have done their whole duty. Approach such a person and remind him of the need of a friend or a neighbor and he will ask the time-worn question: "Am I my brother's keeper? Haven't I enough to do to look after my own family?" The teachings of Jesus Christ answer the first question in the affirmative (and the latter in the negative) with even more emphasis than God answered Cain when he originated the selfish inquiry. Jesus taught that the Decalogue is summed up in the greater commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and His definition of "neighbor" is any one who needs our help. Territorial or other limitations do not apply when the case of one in need is before us.

There is no geographical limitation when we are extending the hand of assistance to one who needs our help.

wherever there is found one or more whom we can (and should) assist, there neighborliness must begin.

A minister once approached one of his parishioners with the request for a contribution for the purpose of doing Christian work abroad. The particular field he had in mind was China.

The man replied that he was willing to help his neighbors but did not think he was called upon to help those as far away as China.

"Whom do you consider your neighbor?" asked the minister. "The man whose farm adjoins me," was the prompt reply. "How far down into the earth does your land extend?" was the next question and the farmer just as promptly answered: "To the center." "Very well," said the minister quickly, "There is a man down in China whose land joins yours at the center of the earth; he is therefore your neighbor and needs your help."

This was a new thought to the slow-going church member. He learned his lesson and we need to learn the same. Only as we do so will we be able to broaden our lives into the fullness of the life of Jesus the Christ.

The application of the teaching of Jesus to business and society would produce a perpetual Christmas season; a time of peace and joy and happiness lasting throughout the year.

The giving of cheap presents or money, however, does not constitute Christmas; as well expect a bouquet of flowers (however lovely) to constitute summer! The Christmas spirit, rather than the Christmas show, honors Him whose birth, no less than His life, was the greatest Christmas gift the world has ever received.

The Christmas spirit brings us into closer touch with Him whose very life was an exemplification of the precept: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus let not the going down of the sun mark the decline of the Christmas spirit but, as the days come and go, and we enter the new year, let us each one reach out the loving hand to the sick, the unfortunate and the outcast, remembering that Jesus the Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me!"

Change All Into Love

Christmas day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love—Shakespeare.

\$100,000 TO ADVERTISE NORTH-EASTERN MICHIGAN.

The East Michigan Tourists association, comprising 37 counties on the east side of Michigan from Cheboygan to the Ohio state line, has set \$100,000 as its goal in 1925 to advertise the recreational resources of East Michigan to one-third the population of the United States. This figure is an increase of more than 100 per cent over the 1924 quota and was adopted at a joint meeting of the executive committees of the East Michigan Tourist association and the North Eastern Michigan Development bureau, held at the Durant Hotel in Flint, December 10.

The subscriptions approximating \$100,000 were reported to the Tourist organization. H. William Klare, manager of the Statler hotel, Detroit, and vice president of the association is chairman of a budget committee which will designate the amounts to be subscribed from each of the 37 counties.

At a luncheon in the grill room, business men of Flint were guests of the executive committees and manifested a keen interest in the activities of the Tourist association. D. D. Aitken, of Flint, former congressman, sounded the keynote of Flint sentiment, during his talk, when he said in part:

"There is no question but that East Michigan has been sadly neglected so far as the tourist is concerned. We are going to get results in proportion as we tell the people of other states about what we have. The problem is one of publicity. The tourist is a great crop. California has demonstrated this. California's increase in population was made largely through tourists. No country on the face of the earth offers as much as East Michigan and East Michigan has the most ideal thing to sell. We in Flint are with you in believing that East Michigan is worth while."

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the state board of agriculture to negotiate the sale of 12,560 acres of agriculture college lands, lying within the boundaries of the Michigan National forest, to the Forestry department of the federal government.

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Michigan Happenings

The League of Michigan Municipalities will seek the enactment of legislation that will return part of the automobile license money to cities and villages, instead of splitting it evenly between the counties and the state, according to Van R. Pond, city attorney of Owosso. The committee has discussed the question with Frank F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner, who suggests possibly the cities could be allowed the same amount on each mile of trunk highway passing through them, as the counties.

The Wolverine Bus company's application to increase bus rates to 2 1/2 cents a mile will be fought by the city commission of Mt. Clemens. It has been announced. The raise in fares would injure Mt. Clemens residents seeking a livelihood in Detroit, is the basis of the commission's argument in opposing application, which has been placed before the Michigan utilities commission.

The State Legislature is to be asked to fix the boundary line between River Rouge and Ecorse, according to Harry Messimer, city attorney of River Rouge. People living in the disputed strip have been compelled to pay taxes in both towns and also in the Township of Ecorse, according to Messimer.

No effort will be made by the Wexford county road commission to keep its roads open for travel this winter. The board of supervisors, at its October session, denied a request for funds for this purpose and unless the State provides aid, the roads will be impassable if the fall of snow is heavy.

The Michigan Securities Commission has ordered the Michigan Mutual Savings Association to stop the sale of memberships at all its offices in the state, except the home office in Detroit. Methods of the Association were recently investigated by the commission.

Saginaw county milk producers have called a strike against the four local distributors of pasteurized milk, who have refused to abide by the recommendation of a milk-price investigating commission that the producers be paid \$2.35 a hundredweight of milk.

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Sale of the White Star Bus Line, operating between Flint and Detroit, to the Peoples Motor Coach Co., a subsidiary of the Detroit United Railway, for \$265,000, has been completed, according to Elmer Benford, former head of the bus concern.

Grant Tucker, of Port Huron, a youth who was bitten on the hand and foot by a cat suffering from rabies, has been taken to the University hospital at Ann Arbor to take the Pasteur treatment.

Authority to discontinue the freight and passenger station at Delray has been requested of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission by attorneys for the Pere Marquette and Wabash railroads.

Fifty men in the Ashland mine at Ironwood escaped when a blast opened a subterranean lake and the twenty-fourth level was flooded. The miners escaped by use of the ladder way.

Roy Millsbaugh, 22 years old, of Belleville, died at Ypsilanti of injuries suffered when his automobile was struck by an east-bound Michigan Central train at Denton, five miles east.

The Metropolitan club of Pontiac, sold newspapers on the city streets and peddled \$125 which was used to buy Christmas baskets and gifts for the poor, according to report.

Angelo Cioce, 11 years old of Muskegon, was drowned when he broke through the ice on the old water works pond, while on his way to school.

A resumption of the safe blowing that has worried police and merchants of Battle Creek, came when the Mutchler Coal Co. office was entered, the safe blown and about \$50 stolen. It was the fifth time the place had been robbed.

Grand Rapids automobile death toll increased to 20 for this year with the death of Mrs. Theodore A. Smith, 79 years old, who was struck and injured by an automobile while crossing the street near her home.

The State administrative board has authorized the expenditure of \$4,000 for repairs to cottages at the Newberry State Hospital. The roofs of the buildings were said to be in need of repair.

Ed Nieboer, 37, former postmaster at Rosman, Newaygo county, was sentenced in district court to serve three years in Leavenworth penitentiary and pay a fine of \$200 for embezzlement of \$4,000 in postage funds.

The city council of Ann Arbor, has passed a resolution giving the People's Bus Co. a right to establish eleven bus lines, and give 20 minutes service to all points in the city. Lines will be established before March 1, and will replace the present street car system of the D. U. R. The resolution provides that the city may return to street car service within a year if the bus system is not satisfactory, but if satisfactory and the people vote a franchise for the company, the street car tracks will be torn up.

Five important bills for the revision of different classes of laws will be presented to the Legislature at the session that opens next month at Lansing. All five are administrative measures. One pertains to the law for criminal court procedure, a second to criminal offenses and a third, a third in addition to codifying and revising will be to simplify the election laws, the fourth and fifth laws for revision and codification of the highway and school laws. There will also be a bill for the revision of the workmen's compensation act.

Residents of Michigan slowly are gaining in percentage in the student body of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Registrar Arthur G. Hall, observes in his annual report to Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton for the school year ended last year. The number of foreign students also is increasing, this being at variance with the experience of some other schools, where the numbers have decreased since the passage of the present immigration laws. Michigan had a total of 12,291 students for the school year, Mr. Hall reports.

A jury before Judge Fred W. Brennan, at Flint, was deadlocked and discharged without reaching a verdict in the manslaughter trial of William Leyer, Clio bus driver. Leyer faces the charge as a result of the death of Daniel D. Layden, 76 years old, from injuries he received when struck by defendant's machine.

A report by the attorney general at Lansing advises former Sheriff Noble A. McKinley, of Newaygo county, of all blame in connection with the death of Herman Hopps. Sheriff McKinley shot and fatally wounded Hopps, a Newaygo county farmer, during an argument over dog taxes in April, 1923.

At the annual meeting of the St. Louis Co-operative Shipping association at St. Louis, at which William Vanderbeek, was elected president, the secretary's report showed that a total of 7,644 head of livestock had been shipped from St. Louis through the association to Detroit during the past year.

Through special efforts of Dr. John L. Seaton, president of Albion College, the college has had the student loan fund from the Methodist Educational Board increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000. Sixty-two Albion students now receive aid from the latter fund.

Col. John G. Emery, former American Legion national commander, has been elected president of the Grand Rapids Army and Navy Club, succeeding Bishop John N. McCormick.

Seventy-five life certificates, 12 degrees, one conservatory, and two limited certificates was given at the fall convocation exercises of the Normal college at Ypsilanti.

The scheduled sale of the Detroit, Day City & Western Railroad, has been postponed until Jan. 17, because bidders sought the property, when recently offered for sale.

Owosso is to have a radio broadcasting station. It will be opened soon after Jan. 1 by a local music house and will have a range of from 500 to 1,000 miles.

Mrs. Helen C. Gunn, 77 years old, of Kalamazoo, is dead, from asphyxiation by illuminating gas which escaped from a broken kerosene lamp in front of the Gunn home.

George Ensley, 15 years old, of Michigan Center, and Lawrence Davison, 15 years old, a guest from Albion, were drowned in Michigan Center pond, Jackson.

The West Bay City Sugar company has closed its annual campaign. A total of 90,000 tons of beets were sold and the season was very successful.

The Petoskey lighthouse on the outer end of the breakwater was wrecked during recent storms which drove high waves against the structure.

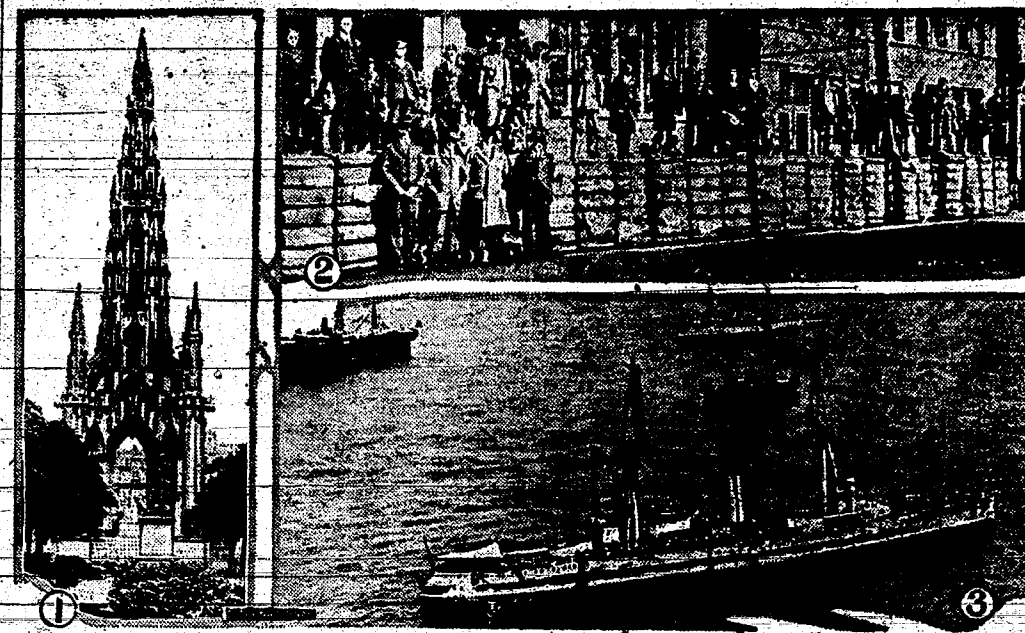
Headquarters of the Michigan state highway department have been moved from Howell to Jackson.

Peter Andrussek, Swan Creek township sugar beet weeder, pleaded guilty in Judge C. M. Browne's court to a charge of manslaughter in connection with the slaying of his wife with a hoe last August. The prosecutor's department recommended that Andrussek be given a five-year sentence.

Lieutenant Henry Ogden, one of the round the world fliers, has been assigned to permanent duty at Selfridge field, near Mt. Clemens.

Miss Rena Jarman, of Petoskey, and Paul Ward, of Ypsilanti, were announced as the winning candidates for the thirty-sixth annual oratorical contest at the State Inter-collegiate oratorical contest next February.

Michigan Patrol Boat No. 1, operating on the Great Lakes under direction of the State Department of Conservation, went down in 10 feet of water northeast of Bay City, according to a telegram received from its captain. No lives were lost.



1—Sir Walter Scott memorial in Edinburgh, which has been declared unsafe. 2—Twenty-five boys of the Cotton club of Richmond county, Georgia, with the 25 bales of cotton they grew and sold for \$2,500. 3—Battle ship Spain, newest and best in the Spanish navy, on the rocks of north African coast, where she was destroyed by a storm.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

President Disagrees With Wilbur About Building of New Vessels for Navy.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

RELATIVE strength of our navy, and the possibility of war in the Pacific came prominently to the front during the week, and there was revealed a sharp difference of opinion between President Coolidge and some of his official advisers, notably Secretary of the Navy Wilbur. First, in reporting a bill authorizing the expenditure of nearly \$300,000,000 for the maintenance and upbuilding of the navy during the fiscal year beginning July 1 next, the house appropriations committee told congress that there was no need for alarm over the reports that the navy was seriously retrograding. Then Secretary Wilbur made public what he called a cold statement of fact which he had submitted to the house subcommittee, being an estimate that to build up and maintain the navy on the 5-5-5 basis would require \$2,200,000,000 expenditure at the rate of \$120,000,000 a year for twenty years. In addition he told the representatives that Japan was hurrying the construction of new war vessels of types not included in the Washington limitation treaty, and gave the details of the recent Japanese naval maneuvers which had all the seeming of being predicated on war with the United States. Capt. H. H. Hough, director of naval intelligence, elaborated on Mr. Wilbur's statements and added:

"Japan is making every effort to provide adequate fuel oil reserves and to develop new sources of supply. There has been general comment on the increasing amount of war material and chemical shipments that have been going forward from Europe, especially Germany, to Japan. It is considered that the underlying element in Japan's naval policy is her determination to dominate the East."

Then President Coolidge took a hand, letting it be known that he was not in sympathy with the agitation over the alleged inadequacy of our sea and land defenses and was dead against anything like competitive armament, which he held, was largely responsible for the World war. He would preserve absolutely the treaty ratio in battleships, battle cruisers and airplane carriers, the only classes limited by the pact, but would refrain from competitive building of auxiliary craft, and desires another conference which shall extend the limitations to all classes of war vessels and to land armaments. The president showed no liking for Representative Britten's bill for elevation of guns on certain battleships, so the measure was shelved for the present. He also indicated his opposition to the investigation of the condition of the navy, proposed by Senator King of Utah, and to a similar inquiry by the house naval affairs committee, so probably nothing will come of either.

Congressman Britten, however, is not to be squelched and gave notice that he would renew the agitation for an inquiry in connection with a three-year navy-building program which he will introduce. Acting as translator at a dinner given by the Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles chambers of commerce in Washington, Mr. Britten said he intended to introduce a resolution authorizing the president to call a conference of the navies of the Pacific to promote a "better political, economic and commercial understanding and to promote peace."

A common defense against the encroachments of the yellow races. He asserted there was justification for his resolution in the attitude of Japan before the League of Nations and at times in opposition to certain American principles, and in Japan's open preparation for war.

SENATORS UNDERWOOD and Norris, proponents of rival plans for the disposal of Muscle Shoals, enlisted the senate proceedings with a not verbal duel, in the course of which the Nebraska charged that the Underwood measure would make Tennessee "look like a pinhead" and Underwood and Sinclair "look like pikers." If it were passed, he declared, it would become known as "the rape of the treasury." He also attacked the attitude and actions of the President in this matter. Mr. Underwood made a spirited defense, and it was believed his bill would pass. Earlier in the week the senate showed its opposition to public ownership of the project, defeating an amendment striking out sections which authorize the leasing of the Muscle Shoals property to private interests. The vote on this was 32 to 45.

SEVERAL futile efforts were made in the senate to get a vote on the bill to increase the pay of postal employees for the purpose of overriding the President's veto. All attempts then agreed to take up the veto on January 5 and to vote on it finally not later than four o'clock the next afternoon.

Meanwhile the cause of the postal workers suffered a setback through the outcropping of a bribery scandal. Charges were filed with the Department of Justice that one of the senate employees received \$2,000 to use his influence in promoting passage of the pay-increase bill. Evidence has been presented showing that an arrangement was entered into for the payment of \$10,000 for the use of influence in connection with the bill.

BY A vote of 282 to 80 the house passed the bill forbidding the transmission of pistols in the mails, designed to prevent criminals from carrying these weapons from mail-order houses. It had the indorsement of Postmaster General New and was warmly opposed by Representatives Blanton of Texas and Wingo of Arkansas, who contended that it was another case of the federal government infringing on the police powers of the states.

Fail in Attempt to Save Starving Deer

Flintstaff, Ariz.—Efforts of men to relieve the plight of thousands of deer starving in the Kaibab national forest met failure when George McCormick, veteran cattleman, conceded the futility of an attempt to drive the herd across the inaccessible chasm of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river. Insurmountable obstacles encountered by McCormick's army of cowboys and Indians in a blinding blizzard that swept the wilderness obliterated the hopes of the intrepid hunters and stampeded the animals in all directions.

COL. HIRSH BINGHAM has been elected to the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Frank Brandegee of Connecticut, defeating Hamilton Holt, his Democratic opponent, by more than 40,000. Colonel Bingham is now lieutenant governor and governor-elect of his state. He will be inaugurated governor on January 7, and soon thereafter will resign to take his seat in the senate.

REPRESENTATIVE CHRISP of Georgia, member of the American debt commission, told the house the suggestions made by France for funding her debt to the United States are not satisfactory to the commission. He added that he would not vote to give any country better terms than were granted to Great Britain. The senate has passed the bill extending for two years the life of the debt commission.

GREAT BRITAIN stands herself in a peculiar position in relation to the League of Nations. Some six months ago the Irish Free State, which became a member of the League on the recommendation of Great Britain, registered with the League the Anglo-Irish treaty by which it was granted its measure of independence. Now the Baldwin government has filed with the secretariat of the League a protest against this action, asserting that the League has no concern with the relations between component parts of the British empire. The Irish believe the protest is made in order to clear the way for support of Ulster's position on the boundary question, while depriving the Free State of the right to carry the matter before the League. The other dominions of the empire, which all hold membership in the League, are watching developments with great interest.

PROGRESS of the revolt in Albania, led by Ahmed Zogu, former chief of state, is worrying the powers of Europe for some of them may become involved in the fracas. The first attack by the rebels was made from Serpion soil and Premier Fannoli says it was made by regular Jugoslav troops disguised. Italy is concerned lest Serbia gain possession of the Albanian ports on the Adriatic and has sent two warships to Albanian waters. Rome has warned Belgrade that it will not permit any alteration in the present boundary of Albania, and Premier Mussolini is reported to be ready to seize Durazzo and Valona.

MAGNATES of the two major league ball leagues met in Chicago and took up the quarrel which President Bun Johnson of the American league has been waging with Commissioner Landis. The result of the deliberations was that Landis is left in full control of baseball, and Bun Johnson is deprived of much of his power and rebuffed so that he has nothing left to do except participate in the "internal affairs of his circuit." Frank Navin of Detroit was chosen to sit on the advisory council instead of Johnson. The American league owners, with the exception of Phil Ball of the St. Louis Browns, joined in an apology to Commissioner Landis for the conduct of Johnson, and this appeared him so that he decided to continue in his position.

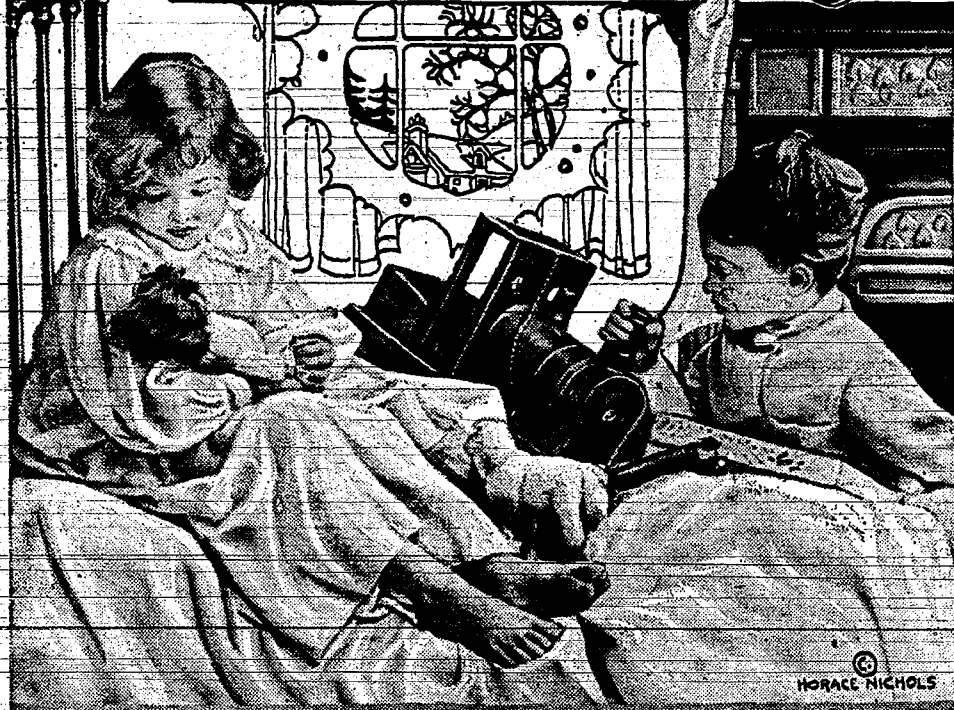
TSUNEO MATSUDAIRA, one of the most experienced and highly esteemed of Japan's diplomats, has been appointed ambassador to the United States to succeed Mr. Hamaguchi, who returned to Japan after the passage of the Japanese exclusion act by congress. He expects to be in Washington by March 4.

JULIUS KAHN, who represented the Fourth district of California in congress for 24 years and who was chairman of the house committee on military affairs, died in San Francisco after a lingering illness. He was sixty-three years old. Congressman Kahn always was one of the warmest supporters of national preparedness and of universal military training for young men. His place on the military committee probably will go to Representative Morin of Pennsylvania.

STEARNS LINES Report Gains Montreal—Since the opening of the 1924 season of navigation on the St. Lawrence River, 100,000 passengers have disembarked at Quebec and Montreal, a decisive increase over recent years, according to figures given out by steamship companies. Of these 13,000 passengers were enroute to the United States. All trans-Atlantic steamship companies are now carrying only about 210,000 passengers a year, as compared with 1,250,000 before restricted immigration.

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Happy Christmas Morning



HORACE NICHOLS

Merry Christmas for Alice

By MARIAN WING

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RUTH ALICE lay abed late Christmas morning, the one shining hope of half a dozen rich heirs. So you can imagine what gifts were hers.

At ten o'clock Ruth Alice's personal maid, Flora, came rather timidly, but determinedly, into the luxurious bedroom where Ruth Alice lay dreaming among her pillows, her beautiful eyes half closed.

"Well, Flora, why are you disturbing me? I'm not going to get up yet a while."

"But, Miss Ruth Alice! Your father is just walking back and forth in the library, and asking every half minute when you are coming down."

"Oh, dad! He wants to see my joy over the stocking, I suppose."

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pers. I'll get on some clothes and go down to Dad. I mean, I'll go to his Christmas."

And it was with this determination not to mar her dear dad's Christmas that Ruth Alice ran down the stairs and tripped into the library with a smile. But such a forced smile! The maids noticed it, and the butler, too. And they all puzzled about it and whispered among themselves. They were all very fond of pretty Ruth Alice, and it grieved them to see her so out of sorts, on Christmas of all times.

"And she's been like this for more than a week," Flora sighed to the butler. "Just isn't interested in anything. Oh, yes, there's one thing still can excite her. That is the postman. She sends me out forty times a day to see if he's dropped letters in the box and forgot to ring. Yesterday she even sent me out to see if he'd brought the stocking."

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A Christmas Carol

By James Russell Lowell

WHAT means this glory round our feet? The mad mused, "more bright than morn!" And voices chanted clear and sweet, "Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

"What means that star," the shepherds said, "That brightens through the rocky glen?"

The mad, answering overhead, "Sing, 'Peace on earth, good will to men!'"

All round about our feet shall shine A light like that the Wise Men saw If we our loving will incline To that Sweet Life which is the law.

So shall we learn to understand The simple faith of shepherds then And, clasping kindly hand in hand, Sing, 'Peace on earth, good will to men!'"

And they who do their souls no wrong But keep at eye the faith of morn, Shall daily hear the angel song, "Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

on a door, and under it, scrawled in a bold, masculine hand, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Miss Norman." That was all except the signature, "Jack Dalton."

But suddenly Miss Ruth Alice laughed merrily and seized Flora by both hands. She whirled her around in a happy dance. "Merry Christmas, Flora," she cried when it was done, and rushed toward the library. She passed the butler on the way. "Merry Christmas, Walker," she cried to him, then they heard her merry Christmas-ing her dad.

"Well, I'm glad to hear her saying it," Flora ejaculated. "I thought she never would. But think of a cheap postal doing that to her after all those wonderful things in there and the automobile!"

"What are pearls and a car to love?" whispered Walker, drawing very near to Flora. Laughing, she pushed him away. "Merry Christmas," she laughed back at him over her shoulder as she ran up the stairs.

OUR HEART-RADIOS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

OD owns the biggest broadcasting station in the universe, and what he sends forth to all corners of the world is love. Every human being has a radio—a heart-radio. If we take the trouble to tune in, we are in a fair way of becoming good receiving stations. And a good receiver may hear harmonies that will vibrate through his being like chords on a harp. At Christmas time we should have heart-radials in perfect condition that we may know the beauty of God's love, which manifests itself in kindness, friendliness, happiness and good cheer.

"Tune in," friends, and who knows but we may hear the angels caroling on Christmas Eve!—Martha Manning Thomas. (© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

MAKING GOOD IN A SMALL TOWN

Real Stories About Real Girls

By MRS. HARLAND H. ALLEN

PAINTING POST CARDS

PAINTING postcards is merely a playful pastime," says a girl who knows the knack. But the girl who doesn't know the knack—who hasn't a natural aptitude for the work, had better stick to her typewriter, she maintains, or her position behind the counter.

"Any girl who has done well in high school drawing can paint postcards as well as I do," insists this girl, who realized more than one hundred dollars from the sale of her cards last Christmas. "But she must have a little natural ability."

The girl postcard-painter will need jet-black waterproof ink; a box of water colors; both fine and heavy pencils; Bristol board, and heavy tinted paper. She may have each design sharply outlined in black ink, or she may illuminate it. She fastens the Bristol to a drawing board, with thumb-tacks, and sketches in her drawing, about twice as large as the finished drawing will be. She should make the outlines with pencil, first, going over them with ink. "If she wants to paint in the design, a brush of holly and a Christmas candle, to be used as models, may help her. She should not attempt delicate shadings; the simpler her painting is, the more effective it will be. If she is apt at verse-writing, she may add a Christmas message."

The design should be as unique and original as possible. Christmas sprites and gnomes, Christmas candles, holly-wreaths, baskets of fruit and nuts, are cheerful subjects for the Christmas cards.

The postcard painter should have an engraver make a zinc plate of the design. A printing office will sell her a good quality paper for her cards. This paper should not be glossy and should have a good body. Fawn-colored, tan and brown paper make effective backgrounds for colored Christmas designs. "The sketches simply outlined in black will look best on white and gray paper."

The girl who is just beginning to work may start by selling the cards to relatives and friends. If her work is dainty and novel, the people to whom the cards are sent may inquire about them and, later, send in orders. A compromise between direct and indirect selling is sometimes profitable. The girl who decides on this method leaves her cards in tea-rooms, hotel news stands, beauty parlors in a neighboring city, allowing the people who sell her wares a 15 per cent commission.

If she does not slacken her efforts during the anti-holiday times, and maintains a steady demand by occasional advertising—she may get a satisfactory share of that \$300,000,000 Americans yearly spend for greeting cards.

MAGAZINE SALESWOMEN MAKE MONEY

HAVE you the "gift o' gab?" One girl I know who possessed the trait (which, held in reasonable restraint, is an excellent one to possess) capitalized it by selling magazines in her small home-town.

"And when you sell magazines, you not only utilize, but develop, your powers of persuasion," she told me. "The work, either full or part-time, is eminently suited to the inexperienced but ambitious small-town girl. She can always get a job selling magazines on commission, if she is honest and reliable, and she needs no capital whatever."

The first step is to secure the agency for several well-known and well-thought-of magazines. Then the would-be saleswoman should begin to solicit subscriptions from friends and neighbors. "If she has selected publications that are sufficiently popular, she will find that nearly every family takes one of them. She should find out when these publications are to expire," and, using this information, should make a list of customers to be seen later.

Soon, her supply of acquaintances exhausted, she will be working altogether among strangers, taking a residence street at a time, and calling at every residence house on it. This will give her still more confidence, and she may spend an occasional afternoon in a downtown office building, or at some place where men and women workers are being paid off.

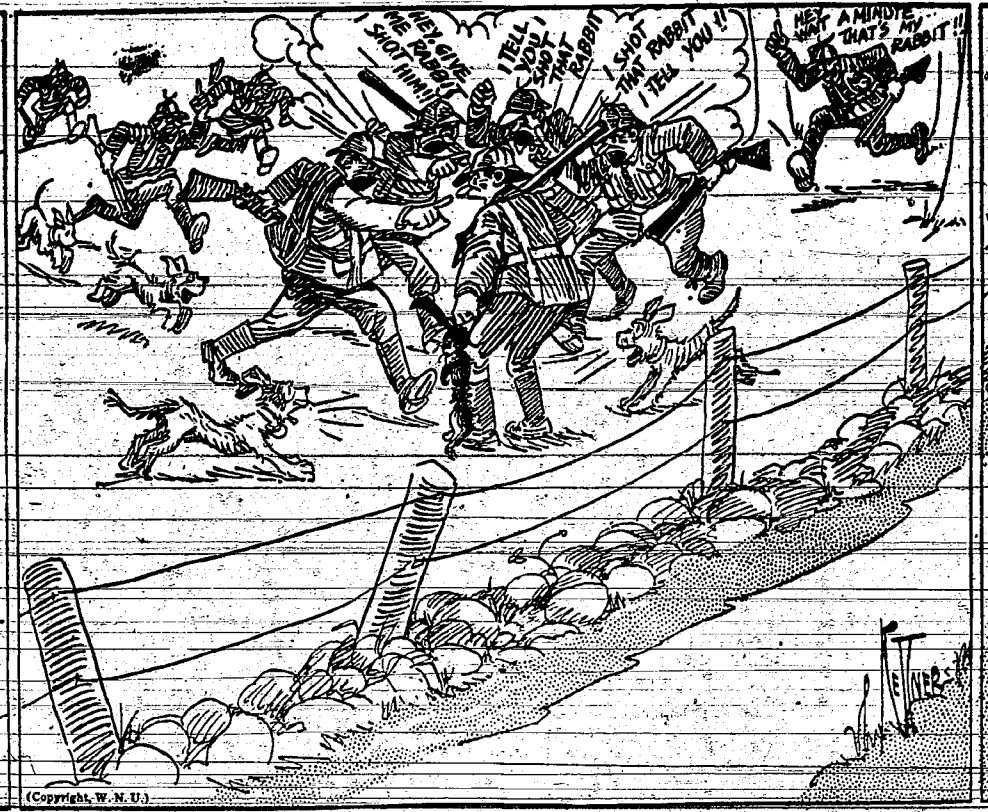
All this time, she must be studying. Books on salesmanship are available at the public library; and the magazines for which she is working will send her information on the psychology of salesmanship.

After she has been for a time in what is rather unadvisedly called the "selling game," for it is anything but a game in the seriousness of its purpose and the range of its potentialities, she will begin to have that feeling essential to good results in any line, that her work is truly worthy; that specifically she is saving her customers something in money, and more in avoiding the inconvenience of having to buy the magazine each week and carry it home. She will learn to be courteous and even-tempered and well-poised. And, more materially, she will make money. Many a magazine saleswoman has a higher income than the average bank president.

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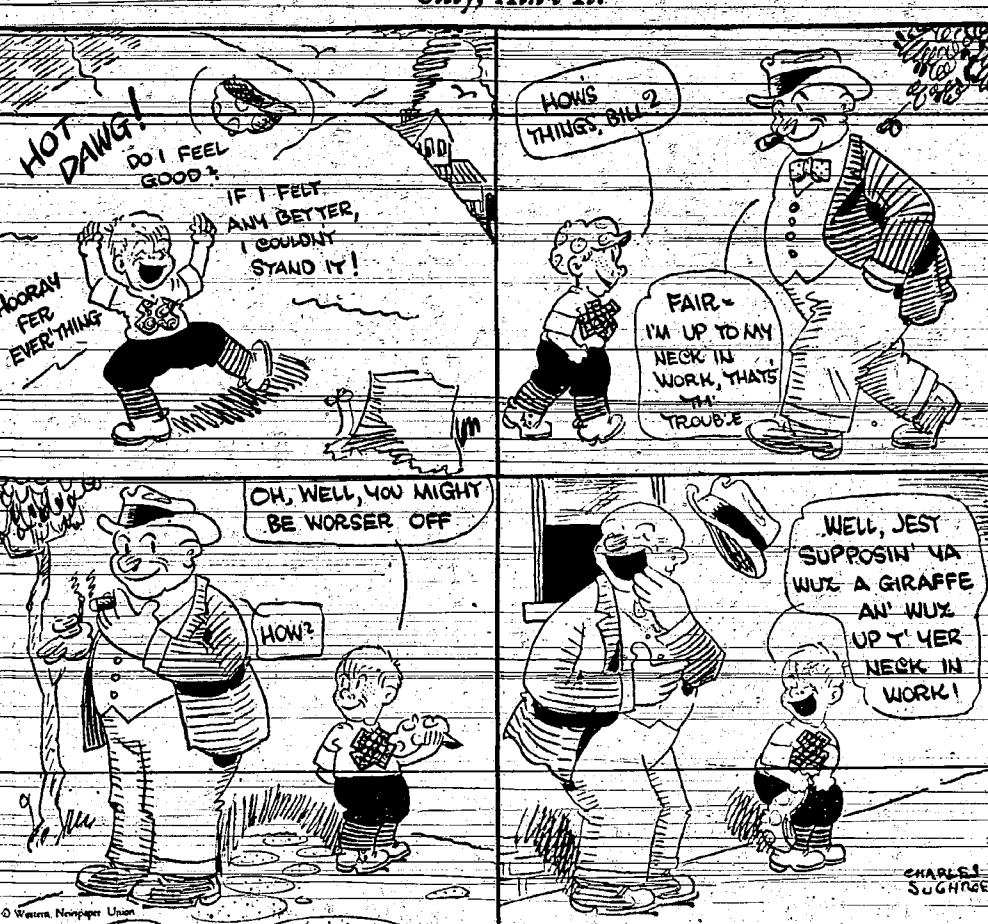
OUR COMIC SECTION

The Season's On

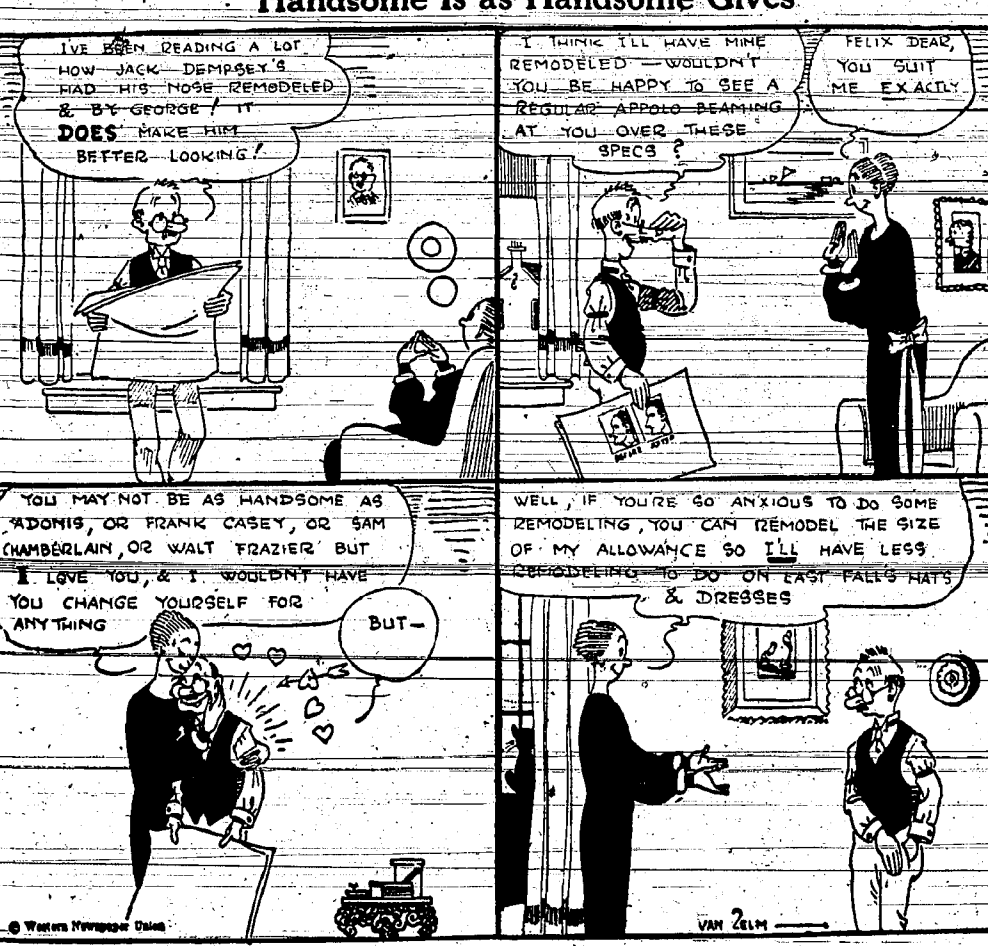


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Silly, Ain't It?



Handsome Is as Handsome Gives



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Light in the Steeple on Christmas Morning

IAR above the sleeping city, like a low and leading star, like a watchful and kindly eye, like a beacon of assuring hope, a promise of Christmas-morning, beamed the light in the old church steeple.

It shone down through one of the church windows and smiled upon the pictured shepherds who found a morning at midnight; and upon the stately wise men who knew the joy of mak-

ing gladness out of gifts. Its rays lighted up a garret, where two very hopeful youngsters were sleeping upon a very small bed, after making sure that the light was there. In the street below a passer looked up, saw it and smiled; another, paused under the glow and spell of it and dropped a coin into the poor box at the church door. The Salvation Army lass came out from the church porch and

thumped her tambourine merrily because some genial influence had filled her basket so full, almost dancing down the street as the bells sang by the gleaming light that it was time to sing.

And so with cheering glory and with came in another happy Christmas time. While the old steeple, still pointing upward, remained as a witness to things high and splendid—Christpher G. Howard.

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Condensations

One of the golfers playing at "Scotch" net, Nantucket, made a long drive exceptional in that a rabbit happened to be nibbling grass at the same time and the ball struck him squarely on the head, killing him.

The Peking city government has ordered broad-wheeled carts with tires four and one-half inches wide to replace the one and one-half-inch tires of the Peking two-wheeled, springless carts which have been cutting up the roads for centuries.

FLYING HIGH

And how was Mrs. B's bridge? Oh, the first prize was a porterhouse steak and the second prize was a loaf of bread.

Poor economy—to save money and waste life.

A GOOD REASON WHY

Hodge never discusses the tariff. That's remarkable. Why so? Hodge knows nothing about the tariff.

SUPREME BLISS

What's your idea of Heaven? Tons of sugar, and a mile of bald heads to walk on.

A high brow may conceal low brains.



GIFTS!

STATIONERY

WHITMAN'S and
Mac DIARMIDS CANDYFINE CIGARS and
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VICTOR RECORDS

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EASTMAN KODAKS

And Many Others

Owing to the Christmas rush we will close our Fountain during the Christmas vacation. Bulk Ice Cream and Brick sold as usual from our electric cabinet.

"Everything a Good Drug Store should have"



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O. P. SCHUMANN, Editor.

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Three Months......50
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1924

Locals

Victor Petersen and family are spending Christmas at Wayne, Mich., guests of relatives of Mrs. Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Koutner and son of Detroit are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman and family.

Miss Helen Ziebell is home from Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, for the holiday vacation, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Melstrup and children of Detroit are spending Christmas with the latter's mother Mrs. Victor Salling and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merry and children of Gaylord are spending Christmas with Mrs. Merry's parents Mr. and Mrs. B. Peter Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doroh are enjoying their guests over Christmas, the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ketzbeck of Detroit.

Supt. B. E. Smith returned home from Grand Rapids Wednesday morning, where he had been attending a meeting of the State Teachers' assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Woods of Bay City and Percy Failing of Ann Arbor, over Christmas.

When Daylight Pines and Lamps are lit is the title of a calendar sent out by K. & H. Hanson, Flooring Company. It is a hand-painted water color and exceptionally handsome.

Special sale on flowers potted plants that formerly sold for \$1.50 to \$2.50 each, reduced to \$1.00 each. Also big reduction on roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Grayling Greenhouses.

Yuletide guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy are Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Hewitt and family of Detroit, Misses Margaret and Bernadette Cassidy of Grand Rapids and Miss Hazel, who is home from the State Normal college, Ypsilanti for the holidays.

B. Peter Johnson some time ago sold his interest in the Cosmopolitan hotel to Alonzo Colten, who has opened a restaurant and bar drink-parlor. Mr. Johnson recently bought the old Fred Avers property on Chestnut street, from Walmer Jorgenson, and has moved into same.

The Michelson Memorial Sunday school held their Christmas exercises and tree at Danebod hall Tuesday evening. After a very nice program, Santa Claus distributed gifts, candy and nuts to the members of the Sunday school and the parents were served with cake and coffee. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The annual Christmas program and tree for the children of St. Mary's parish was held Monday evening at

the Temple Theatre. There was a large number of little folks as well as the fathers and mothers in attendance. The program was much enjoyed, after which each child received a large stocking of nuts and candy.

PERSONAL OPINION.

Grayling, Mich.,
December 23rd, 1924.

Friends, Taxpayers and Water Consumers:

I am very glad to see the apparent enthusiasm in the proposed water question but I am heartily sorry that there were no speakers on the floor at the recent meeting in the Board of Trade rooms, that were in accord with the plans of the village council.

In my estimation it is to your own interest that our Council is working and I mean that one of the speakers said a mouth full when he said in his talk that we should confide in and back our council in its efforts at all times, as the council represents our people.

In the personell of our present council we can safely rely on their judgement in providing us with a system embracing the proper and effective materials incidental to such a proposition as this.

With regard to backing our Council, this is something that our village has apparently failed to do in the past to a certain extent. However it is not too late to start. I for one will be all ways in accord and support the good efforts of our present Loyal Citizens and Village President, dear old Daddy Conline and his worthy council, especially in their earnest endeavors to put across an efficient and reliable water system.

With regard to another reference concerning the Gaylord Municipal plan, you no doubt have noticed that the reason for its failure in that city was due to the fact that nobody seemed to care how it was run and that there was but one report submitted to the public according to this speaker.

This dear friends you do not doubt that the municipal ownership plan in that city. Why not get out into the village and have an absolutely true blue village President and Council, and see that it stays honest by constant censorship, support it in this present crisis, and by knowledge we have attained from the errors of our neighboring city, as explained to us by the speaker, strive to avoid such a fate, as we will never have a better opportunity.

We spend \$17,500.00 in three years and have nothing but a second hand pump and worn out watermains, while we can just as well have a dependable and permanent water system by just multiplying these wasted dollars by two and adding the sum to \$35,000.00.

Now, regarding the maintenance of such a system, our council has a splendid and inexpensive plan, and I am quite sure that they can be depended upon to carry it out.

Let's not put our thinking cap on, think of ourselves, show it in the polls when we vote, always voting for the progressive thinking man regardless of the party or creed, so that our city government will always be safe from failure or criticism, materially and financially.

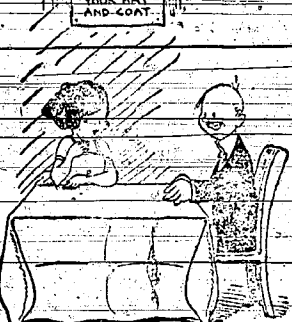
Yours respectfully,

Walter J. Nadeau.

A taxpayer and water consumer.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK

WATCH AND LISTEN.



He—People tell me you've been angling for me for over a year.

She—That's only a polite way of telling you what they think of you, you poor fish.

SCRAP-SCRAPPING WIVES



Friend—What do you think of scrapping wives?
Mr. Neekton—I'm for it! When's it going to begin?

GOOD ADVICE



"Hey, Joe! At last I've figured out a sure way to beat the races."
"Geel, Howzat?"
"Don't bet!"

The Actor's Christmas Party

By H. Lucas Cook

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ALL of the actors of the Zoroaster Stock company were good, but perhaps Billy Kelly was the best liked by the townspeople. Billy had been there six weeks, now, and was living at Mrs. Perkins' on Center street. Hence Center street was particularly thrilled at this time, because it had never before harbored a real live actor, and it could not quite get used to the idea.

Mrs. Perkins was a respectable middle-aged widow who had to take a few roomers to help out on expenses. She was not quite sure that it was right to have Billy rooming there, as she had an inherited prejudice against actors, but he paid twice as much as she had ever had before for the rooms, and he was a very nice fellow, and so far as she could determine, was a human being much like the rest of us.

It did seem strange to her, however, that a young-unmarried-man should receive one hundred and fifty dollars a week when Mr. Perkins with his family had earned only that much a month. She wondered if it was honest. And then, too, she did not always know just what to make of Billy's attentions to her. Why, one time when she had fallen asleep on the sofa without a covering, he had gone to his own room and got his genuine Japanese silk kimono and covered her with it. She had found it over her when she woke up.

Mrs. Perkins had just finished telling this and several other incidents to the ladies' Aid society, when one of the progressive ladies asked:

"Well, what are we to do with him for Christmas? It doesn't seem right not to do anything, when he is away from his people and all."
"Everyone else had been thinking the same thing, but had not dared mention it, and none of them had any suggestions to make. No one dared ask him to dinner (they were so shy), and Mrs. Perkins herself, who really should have asked him, had decided to go to the hotel so as not to have to do so. They certainly could not give him ties or socks, as Mrs. Perkins assured them that he had hundreds of socks and thousands of ties, which everyone readily believed, as they had never seen him dressed twice the same.

It certainly looked like a cold Christmas for Billy. But next door to Mrs. Perkins lived a dear old maid who had been housekeeper for the Wellers for many years. Every Christmas she made mittens for all the children in the neighborhood, and when they grew too big for mittens, she gave kindly to the girls and neckties to the boys; she was a community institution, but nobody ever thought of her in connection with Billy.

But when Christmas morning arrived, and Center street was busy with its life, Billy had not been for a day. The Perkins children were just opening their packages from the housekeeper next door when one of them discovered an envelope for Billy. He darted upstairs, and timidly knocked on the actor's door and slipped the envelope under.

"What could it be?" wondered Mrs. Perkins, for she knew it was no Christmas card.

She had not long to wonder, however, for Billy soon came running down, flourishing a crisp new dollar bill which he had found in the envelope and handed to one of the children smiling. He told Mrs. Perkins of the welcome present and how it had suggested to him to give a party next door in honor of the housekeeper.

True to his word, he was there in twenty minutes, and with him the whole families Aid society, and to the delight of everyone a whole gallon of ice cream which he and the kindly housekeeper served to all assembled, with many jokes and much merriment. Then Billy sang some rousing Christmas songs, kissed the housekeeper on the brow and thanked all the ladies home.

He had so many invitations to dinner he had to refuse them all, but he was not sorry for this as he joined Mrs. Perkins at the hotel, and he really liked her best of all.

Might Have Been Worse
"What did your wife give you for Christmas?"
"Nothing."
"That was tough."
"Well, it might have been a necktie or a smoking jacket."

A Fourth of July Santa Claus

By Eleanor E. King

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IT WAS the great day of the Fourth of July, and Tommy, like all the other seven children of the busy Alister family, was out bright and early. Tommy had a great friend in the lady next door. So, Tommy had learned, and, by the way, kept it a safe secret from the rest of the troop, that when his stomach growled too loudly, if he were to go to next door he most always could get a piece of the best bread and jam, and perhaps an errand of two for her to ease his conscience.

Tommy, bright and early, had found his way over to Mrs. Askins', as he called her. She was busy getting ready to go to a picnic.

"You see, Tommy," she explained in answer to his questions, "this man who is coming with his car to take us out to his house where we are to have our picnic, is an old chum of Mr. Askins'."

As they loaded the things into the car Tommy trooped along and was introduced to Mr. Miller. While they stood there Tommy spied a balloon man coming down the street. As the noise of the horn grew nearer, Tommy's eyes enlarged.

"Aren't those choppers, though?" Tommy asked. "Geel!"

Tommy, you like one, Tommy?" suggested Mr. Miller, digging into his pocket. "Now, if you tell Tommy if you know any more secret ways, I'll buy you another balloon."

It was almost Christmas now, and Tommy was once more in the Hoskins kitchen, watching preparations for another feast, but on a different sort of a table.

The most delicious of all the puddings were being cooked. Suddenly, Tommy burst forth:

"Say, Mrs. Askins, do you remember when that man said—"

"No, Tommy, what are you thinking about?"

"Do you suppose he will come back?" Tommy asked. "I thought you said he would, and I remembered his name. I would have been another when he came back."

"Of course he will," said Mrs. Askins.

"Oh, I am so glad. My mother said just what I am sure when I told her and now I am sure to be married with that. Run along now? And you know," Tommy hastened to add, "I haven't forgotten his name either, it's Miller."

Light Mr. Miller dropped in to salute at the Hoskins'. Before long, Tommy had had a moment of conversation with him again. He said, "Ah, right, leaving with the biggest kind of a twinkle in his eyes."

Christmas Eve came. Daddy and Mother Alister were doing their best to keep from looking sorrowful. They knew only too well that they could never again give the children the number of things each wanted. The children had all gone to bed. Just Daddy and Mother Alister were in the parlor fixing up a little, so to speak, when a knock, ever so gentle on the front door, attracted their attention.

"I am sorry to bother you at this hour, but I wanted to wait until I was sure Tommy would be in bed. Perhaps you would feel better to know my name—Miller," he said, shaking hands with Mr. Alister after depositing his load on the table. "Here a treat outside here," and he hurried out to get it.

The next morning was never equalled in the annals of the Alister family. Such excitement, such happiness, Tommy, after his recovery from surprise and rapture over his toys, ran to his happy mother as she was trying to get breakfast. Tugging at her skirts, he said, "You see, mother, that man I met on Fourth of July was Santa Claus, and his name is Mr. Miller."

The Christmas Message
Christmas is a beautiful event and spiritual truth—the most important of all events, the most precious of all truths—no less than the coming of God to earth, in human form, in the person of a child, to save us from our sins. That makes the wonder and the glory and the blessing in the birth of Jesus. He came to express the divine love, and by His sacrificial death, to make that love effective unto the salvation of all who should believe on him. The cross on Calvary marks the tragedy in the life of the child born at Bethlehem. It also makes its glory—Presbyterian Banner.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



A Merry Xmas to All Our Friends

The good-will of our customers is one of our biggest assets. In token of the business friendship existing between us during the past year, we send you the greetings of the season and hope that your New Year will be a highly prosperous one.

Max Landsberg

Clothing, Wearing Apparel and Shoes

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 25 cts. There are about six words to a line. SEND MONEY WITH ORDER

WANTED BARN FERTILIZER FOR Golf Course. See A. M. Lewis, if

HOUSE FOR RENT—INQUIRE AT Avalanche Office. Phone 1112.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE GIVEN for Furs. In trade or cash. Frank Dreese.

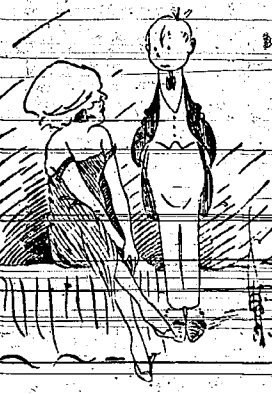
FOR SALE—MY HOUSE, LOT AND Garage, at a low price. Call at my store. Frank Dreese.

WOULD BE PLEASED



Hum Composer—Would you like to hear my last song?
The Grouch—It would give me genuine pleasure, my dear sir.

SNOW ON HER BROW



Brother—Jane's brow is like the snowdrift.
Sister—I never knew her to put it on that thick.

Christmas Greetings

We wish our Friends a—

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

OLAF SORENSON & SONS

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Greetings!

In the friendly spirit of Christmas, we desire to extend to our patrons and friends our cordial appreciation of the good-will they have shown us and take this occasion to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

In the future, as in the past, we shall continue our efforts to carry out the message of good-will toward men, by applying the rule in business as in private life.

A. M. Lewis

DRUGGIST

"Make Our Store Your Store"



With Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes for--

**A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy Prosperous
New Year**

Robert J. Legner

Grayling Ice Company

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1924

Ernest and Lester Olson are home from Detroit to remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Martha McMasters is spending the holidays in Bay City visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King of Flint are spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends here.

Russell Robertson left Tuesday to visit over Christmas at the home of his sister Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Mrs. Marius Hanson was hostess to the Bridge club Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Holger Peterson held the highest score.

Elmer Fenton, who has been in Alma the past few months returned to Grayling Saturday, expecting to remain here.

Miss Kristine Salling is home from the State Normal college, Ypsilanti, to spend the holidays visiting her mother Mrs. Victor Salling.

Village President R. D. Connine and wife left Tuesday to be guests of their son Harry and family at Birmingham over Christmas.

Charity ball for benefit of Mercy Hospital, Wednesday evening, Dec. 31. Tickets are now on sale. Good music and pleasing entertainment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson, who have been in Adrian since September, where the former has been employed, have returned to Grayling.

Little Helen Elaine McLeod is ill with scarlet fever at the home of her grandmother Mrs. A. Hermann, and the home is under quarantine.

C. J. Hathaway Optometrist of Pontiac will be in Grayling Dec. 29 & 30, to look after his optical practice.

Henry Ahman, who is attending the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams are enjoying a visit from their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen of Martin, Mich. over the holidays.

Einer Jorgenson, who has been employed in Detroit the past couple of months is home to spend Christmas visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Jorgenson.

No one advocates or wants to make a law forbidding boys and girls to work for wages before they are 18 years of age, on the farm or in other suitable places.

These state laws provide for protecting child labor from certain dangerous occupations or by limiting the number of hours which they may work in factories, mines, etc.

Richard and Miss Clarabelle Lovell are spending the holidays at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovell. They are attending Ferris Institute this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNeven and daughter Gloria of Detroit are spending the holidays visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven and Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cragie and children of Flint are expected to arrive Saturday to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Cragie's parents Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen.

Miss Rosemary Mahoney, who is attending Sacred Heart academy in Grand Rapids arrived Saturday to spend the holidays visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Mahoney.

It is doubtful whether any legislation forbidding the employment of boys and girls under 18 are tending to raise a generation of soft handed, white collar idlers and street loafers.

Miss Ingeborg Hanson, who is employed in Ann Arbor and Herman Hanson, who is attending Ferris Institute are spending the holidays visiting their mother Mrs. Hansine Hanson.

No state has passed any such law, but it is an open question whether the people should give Congress any jurisdiction over this matter and lay the foundation for an army of federal employees to interfere with our children.

A. B. Failing, who is employed at the T. E. Douglas store in Lovells, left Sunday night for Dayton, Ohio, to spend the holidays with his daughter Miss Francis Failing, who is attending school in that city, and making her home with her aunt Mrs. A. H. Wetz.

Mrs. John Edward's Sunday school class enjoyed a Christmas party at Danebod hall last Saturday afternoon each member of the class receiving a nice gift. Part of the afternoon was spent preparing a box of nice things to be sent to the folks at the County infirmary.

Mrs. Arnold Burrows and children left Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Walker at Cheboygan. The past week Mrs. Burrows has been enjoying a visit from her brother Frank Walker, who has been sailing the Great Lakes and was enroute to his home in Cheboygan.

Word has been received by friends of the death of Harvey Avery at his home in Traverse City on Friday, December 5th. Mr. Avery who was a traveling salesman for the Atkins Saw Co., had been on the road for 45 years, and during that time made his regular trips to Grayling so that he was quite well and favorably known.

George Burke, knowing that the kiddies of Grayling were to be treated by the American Legion this Christmas, decided to spend the \$700.00, which he had laid aside as a Christmas fund, among the children in the country, and so numerous gifts and candies and nuts were sent by him to each school teacher in the country schools of the county to distribute to the children in their vicinity. This was very fine of Mr. Burke and no doubt the kiddies remembered greatly appreciate his generosity.

Mrs. Grant Thompson spent the week end visiting Mrs. Frank Tetu.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes left Tuesday to spend Christmas in Clare.

Emil Giegling left Tuesday for Marquette to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coyle are spending Christmas with friends in Saginaw.

George Burke and B. E. Smith left Sunday on a business trip to Detroit and Toledo.

Miss Ruth Ryan of Potoskey is the guest of her sister Mrs. A. J. Joseph and family.

Frank Whipple left Thursday for Lansing where he will be employed for the winter.

Mrs. S. D. Dunham, daughter Ardith and son Russell left Tuesday for Detroit to visit relatives over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown are spending Christmas with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff at Bay City.

Miss Janet Matson is expected to arrive Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents Mrs. and Mrs. Ethel Matson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett left Wednesday for Bay City to spend Christmas with the latter's sister Mrs. F. G. Steggall and family.

Charity ball for benefit of Mercy Hospital, Wednesday evening, Dec. 31. Tickets are now on sale. Good music and pleasing entertainment.

Ered Edwards who attends the Deaf and Dumb school at Flint is spending Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and family.

Miss Mildred Corwin who teaches school in Lansing is spending Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin and family.

James Richardson who attends M. A. C. is spending Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Richardson in South Branch township.

Don't miss the basket ball game Saturday, Dec. 27 between Grayling American Legion team and the Community Service Stars of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Chicago and Roy Brown of Bay City arrived Monday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown and family.

The children of the Frederic school gave a pleasing program Tuesday evening and same was largely attended. The program will appear in our issue of next week.

Miss Beulah Collen who attends Detroit business University arrived home Wednesday to spend the holidays vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Collen.

Miss Ruth McCullough arrived home Tuesday afternoon from Detroit City college to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough.

The children of the F. M. church held their annual Xmas program at the church last Saturday evening and a large crowd attended same. Sacks of candy and nuts were given to each child.

Mrs. Hattie Bissette and son Claude left Saturday for Pinconning to visit relatives for a few days. They will spend Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Florence Gunderson in Detroit and before returning will visit Mr. Earl Kidd at Jackson.

Revival meetings of the Free Methodist church will begin with a watch night service New Years Eve and continue indefinitely. Rev. Haywood district elder of the Northeast Michigan Conference is expected to be here on Jan. 6 to take charge of the services.

The basket ball game that was scheduled to be played Saturday between Grayling American Legion team and the Saginaw Triangles has been cancelled. However Manager Hanson has secured a game for that date with the Community Service team of Bay City. Don't miss this game. It promises to be a good one.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over Christmas are: Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and children of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pope and daughter Marion Jean of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. William Fobur and two daughters of Detroit, Miss Marion Petersen of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson of Grand Rapids.

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Merry Xmas

Peace and Good-Will were proclaimed to the whole world on Christmas day. This is a time for cheer and happiness and we trust our friends may be abundantly blessed with the spirit of Christmas at this time.

Our sincere wishes go out to our people, and may the day be a merry one for all.

Sincerely,

Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Phone 1251



Annual charity ball for benefit of Mercy Hospital, Wednesday evening December 31. Tickets are now on sale. Good music and pleasing entertainment.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Canfield are spending Christmas, guests of Mrs. Canfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller of Gladwin.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT TO
GRAYLING PEOPLE**

NELS MICHELSON GIVES BALANCE DUE ON NEW CHURCH.

I received an announcement from Mr. Nels Michelson today, that he would make a Christmas gift to the Michelson Memorial M. E. church of an amount necessary to complete and dedicate it free of debt, which is approximately \$10,000.

We are very grateful to Mr. Michelson for his Christian beneficence. It is impossible to state definitely at this time just when the church will be dedicated, but we trust that it may not be far distant.

J. Herman Baughn,
December 24, 1924.

Here by Purchase:
A girl's features may be stamped of a young man's heart, but it is always her complexion that shows on his coat collar. Boston Transcript.

MRS. JOSEPH VANCE PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. Joseph Vance passed away at her home near Lovells on Sunday, December 14, at the age of 42 years. The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday morning at 10:30. Rev. E. E. Hart of Frederic officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Kittle cemetery north of Mio.

Mary Young was born in Elmer township, Oscoda county, August 26, 1882. She was united in marriage to Joseph Vance on December 25, 1901, at the age of 19 years.

To the union six children were born, Mary, Vela, Sarah, Myrtle, Cora and Barbara. Cora died at the age of six weeks.

The deceased leaves to mourn her passing her husband, five daughters and two brothers, James and John Young of Mio, besides a host of neighbors and friends.

THE REASON THEY GROW.

"Any business with a large number of customers will purchase something which they actually need every day and which purchase from no other source must be inherently a safe business. These are the conditions under which electric light power companies operate and are sufficient in themselves to explain the remarkable stability of such companies for the investment of capital." John J. O'Brien, President, H. M. Bylesby Company.

NOTICE.
I will be at my home in Frederic Friday of each week during months of December and January to receive payment of taxes. C. S. BARBER,
12-4-5
Treas. Frederic Township.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends for their many kindnesses and floral offerings during our great sorrow.

Joseph Vance and Family.

APPRECIATION.

We wish to thank the Mr. Hansons, Mr. Atkinson, and other business men, who so kindly contributed towards the Free Methodist Sunday school Christmas treat. There was a large crowd of children, among whom no doubt were some who would not otherwise have been treated. Some of the money was used to buy clothing, and supplies for Christmas dinners and some candy.

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Greetings!

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May our wishes for your present and future happiness and comfort be multiplied many fold each succeeding day.

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May Your Christmas Morning Be Glorious
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New Year to
Make Much
History



with the people who will continue to deal directly with Congress through their own organizations. A comprehensive recreational survey of the country is already under way.

The National Outdoor Recreation conference, the new organization, declares for the protection against commercial invasion of the 20 units of the national park system and for the maintenance of the standard in parks to be created. Its general declaration of this policy is this:

Resolved, That outdoor recreation facilities contribute to the health, strength, wholesome enjoyment, understanding and love of nature, good fellowship, and keen sportsmanlike and, above all, has a direct beneficial influence on the formation of sturdy character by developing those qualities of self-control, endurance under hardship, reliance on self and co-operation with others in team work which are so necessary to good citizenship.

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THE smiling countenance which looks out at you from these columns is supposed to be that of a good American citizen who is glad that he is alive. He looks the part. He is also supposed to be particularly glad that he is alive in 1925, for the reason that history is making these days and the new year is likely to see considerable that is new. And of course, this good American likes to see new things. That's human nature.

"There is nothing new under the sun," according to the old saw. But the saying is very old and the man who said it lived a long while ago. Doubtless he was a smart man—so smart that if he were reincarnated he'd hunt up an alibi for the very first thing. For nowadays the day is pretty much wasted that does not produce something new. And as fast as the new things bob up, the newspapers print it on the first page and we all know about it almost before it happens. Let a German anarchist at 10 p. m. discover a way to make gold and the man in San Francisco reads the headlines the next morning and skips the text because he heard all about it the night before on the radio.

ONE new thing that we are sure to have in a new President. He's the same Calvin Coolidge, to be sure, who's been occupying the White House, but now he is going to be President in his own right. He says he's not going to rock the chair of office, which is a pretty good joke in its own day, but there's likely to be a difference, just the same. It wouldn't surprise everybody if 1925 saw something new in politics.

And of course there will be millions upon millions of new "good resolutions"—every American worth his salt makes them. Incidentally, the "good American" who is looking about for one worth while can do much worse than turn back to President Coolidge's Thanksgiving proclamation. He mentioned some of the many, many reasons why Americans should be thankful and concluded with this suggestion: "quite as timely as New Year's."

We shall do well to accept all these favors and bounties with a becoming humility, and dedicate them to the service of the righteous cause of the giver of all good and perfect gifts. As the nation has prospered, let all the people show that they are worthy to prosper by rededicating America to the service of God and man.

Thought Cat Would Do

A town girl who had married a well-to-do countryman was asked by her husband if she would like to have a cow of her own so that the household could have its own supply of fresh milk. She agreed willingly, and the couple went to a farm to purchase a cow.

The farmer, who was perhaps less truthful than the majority of his kind, told them his cow was quite unlike any other cow that had ever lived. As for her milking capacity, she gave ten quarts a day.

The bride did a rapid calculation, and said to her husband: "We can never use all that. We don't need such a big cow. Buy a calf."

In the Park

Julia—Let's go, Herbert. I felt a raindrop on my cheek.

Herbert—No, no! We're just seated under a weeping willow tree.

Make Hand to Play Piano

The making of what virtually is a new hand for Elizabeth Matthesen, fourteen years old, that she may realize her ambition to become proficient at the piano, is the unusual feat that surgeons at Johns Hopkins hospital have performed, says the Washington Star.

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Remarkable

"Lafe Putter happened to a queer accident yesterday," in the crossroads store related Gap Johnson of Humpus Ridge. "It was put there by lightning and started to crawl through the brush, dragging his loaded and cocked shotgun after him."

"Great day!" ejaculated the proprietor of the emporium. "And it went off and shot the pore cuse?"

"Oh-uh! That's the queer part; it didn't go off."—Kansas City Star.

The Kitchen Cabinet

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Ability doesn't count, knowledge is useless, experience has no worth without the driving force of optimism.—Kaufman.

NICE THINGS FOR TEA

The afternoon tea, whether it is a real function or just a pleasant getting-together of three or four, is not complete unless the sandwich plate is well filled.

Butter should be creamed and spread very evenly making a thin coating over the entire slice, which is cut very thin, and then may be cut into various shapes as one's taste dictates. The crusts which are trimmed from the bread in making sandwiches may be tossed into a little melted butter and served with the soup for dinner or luncheon. If not served as croutons, roll and use as crumbs for a thousand dishes.

Tuna Sandwiches.—Mince one-half cupful of tuna fish, add one-half teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce, two tablespoonsful of tomato catsup and enough mayonnaise to moisten about two tablespoonsful. Mix to a paste and spread on thin buttered whole wheat bread. Cover, press and cut into triangles or strips.

Banana Sandwiches.—Slice bananas very thin the long way and put a layer on thinly sliced buttered graham bread. Squeeze a little lemon juice over the banana and sprinkle with a little grated maple sugar or brown sugar, and a few chopped nuts. Cover with a top slice and cut into desired shapes.

Favorite Sandwiches.—Chop one crisp tender celery to make one-half cupful. To this add one-half cupful of tuna fish minced fine, add one tablespoonful each of minced green and red pepper. Mix well and moisten with one-fourth of a cupful of mayonnaise and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt. Prepare in usual and serve on white bread.

Ignore your faults by ceasing to mention them. Thus you may have leisure to cultivate your good qualities.

FOODS TO ENJOY

As soup is a good beginning and no meal is quite complete without one, try this:

Oxtail Soup.—Have three oxtails split by the butcher, cut into small pieces and fry until brown. Now place them in a soup kettle, add two dozen cloves, one-half cupful of onions, chopped, and also fried; one large carrot cut into dice, one-fourth of a cupful of browned flour. Add salt and pepper to season, and two pounds of lean beef with a dash or two of cayenne. Cover with four quarts of cold water, bring to a boil, then simmer on the back of the stove for three hours or in a fireless cooker for five hours. Strain and serve.

Stuffed Peppers.—Parboil a slice of ham and simmer for five minutes. Drain, reserving the liquid. Put the ham and a dozen soda crackers through the meat grinder, mix with one cupful of tomatoes and two well-beaten eggs. Chop one very small onion, and a few sprigs of parsley very fine and add to the mixture. Wash six peppers, cut them into halves, remove the seeds and white fiber and fill the shells with the mixture. Place in a baking dish and surround with the water in which the ham was cooked. Bake in a hot oven.

Salmon Mould.—Cut one onion into slices and sauté in two tablespoonsful of butter. Remove the onion and add one tablespoonful of flour to the butter, one-half teaspoonful of mustard, a few grains of cayenne, one-half tablespoonful of salt, one and one-half tablespoonsful of sugar, three-fourths of a cupful of milk and one-fourth cupful of vinegar and two well-beaten egg yolks. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Add three-fourths of a tablespoonful of cold water. Strain and add to one can of salmon which has been carefully flaked. Fill individual molds and serve with:

Cucumber Sauce.—Beat one-half cupful of heavy cream until thick, add one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, a few grains of pepper and gradually two tablespoonsful of vinegar; then add one pared, chopped and drained cucumber.

Beef Goulash.—Dice one-quarter of a pound of salt pork and fry it with two medium-sized onions until golden brown. While the onions and pork are cooking take one pound of round steak and rub two tablespoonsful of flour on each side. Then cut the steak into two-inch pieces. Place the fried onions and pork in a casserole and cover with four large potatoes and four carrots, peeled and quartered. Lay in the meat squares and pour over three cupsful of canned tomatoes with two teaspoonsful of salt and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of pepper. Add one-eighth of a teaspoonful of celery salt, cover and bake two and one-half hours.

Famous London Street

Grub street, London, has been renamed Milton street. It was a street in which many writers lived who had not yet "arrived," so became a general name for the haunts of needy writers.

South Wales' Coal Wealth

The South Wales coal field, covering approximately 1,000 square miles, is the largest in the British Isles, and supplies more coal for export than any other British coal field.

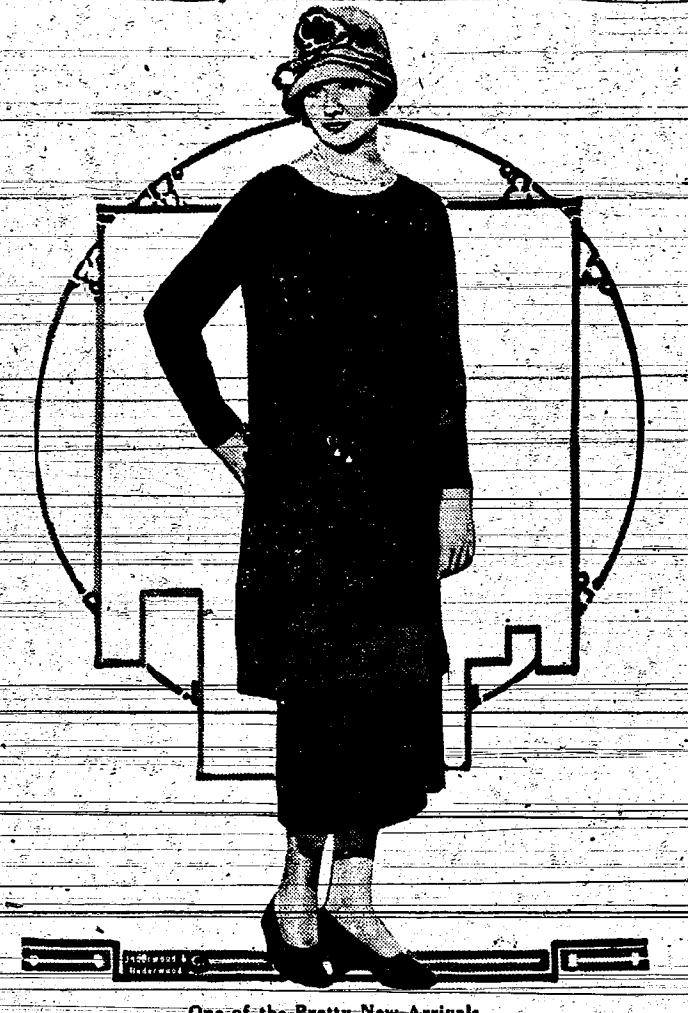
NEW BLOUSES ARE STUNNING; SPRING STYLES ARE SIGHTED

THE overblouse is a special dispensation of good fortune for adding variety and chic to the practical wardrobe. In a between-seasons period like the present, it is a resource for spicing up one's belongings with something new.

The last word in blouses may be gathered just now, from the collections prepared for wear at Southern resorts, including sports, tailored and dressy types. In the last class belong many pretty models made of printed fabrics in silk or lightweight wool, finished

in new ideas in their adornment and styling. For many of them, camel's hair twill, in plain colors, is used while dressier models are coming in plain and printed crepes.

The straightline is varied often— the tunic leading other methods, followed by plaits introduced at the sides or at the front. An attractive frock with plaited panels at the sides is illustrated here. It has a narrow girle of the goods and bishop sleeves, with an ornamental band of colored embroidery inserted. The plain, nar-



One of the Pretty New Arrivals.

with borders of plain, black-satin or, in the color predominating in the blouse, pale silk, with colored stripes, is also popular for dressy overblouses, and by mingling the stripes ingeniously designers need no other material for decoration. Plain silks with delicate all-over patterns in embroidery are among the prettiest of the new arrivals in materials for blouses.

In sports and dressy blouses favor seems to be about equally divided between the long and short sleeve, but in tailored blouses long-sleeved models are in the majority. There is great diversity of necklines in all blouses and many chic new arrivals. In the tailored class, high collars. The

row wrist bands are prettily finished with ties of ribbon and the odd neck opening is finished in the same way.

Since the slender silhouette is scheduled to remain in our midst for some time, new ways of "personalizing" day frocks have been introduced on spring models. These appear in small, quaint embroideries in single motifs as a Japanese fisherman, or a little bulldog, stitched above a small pocket—the watchdog of the treasury—or two of three butterflies near the shoulder. It looks as if our spring frocks might become backgrounds for picturebook illustrations and we may tell the world of our favorite scenery by means of stitching. The little old red school



Frock With Plaited Panels.

surprise front is a graceful survival of the fittest—nothing was ever more becoming—and is being as enthusiastically received as the new jabot front arrangements that have won fashion's smile of approval.

Sailing out beyond the harbor of winter fashions and peeping over the horizon to meet those of spring, early adventurers report that afternoon frocks of the informal kind, have been sighted. Although they are still straightline they are about to bring

house down the lane, or an ocean liner, or a blue goose, or anything else from anywhere, may be sketched on frocks otherwise quite plain.

Another tip has been thought home by the adventurers who first discover spring styles. The ensemble costume is here to stay a while—for spring costs to be worn with frocks bearing an unmistakable family resemblance to them, bear the new arrivals company.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

Mary Graham Bonner

THE NEW YEAR

"Well," said the New Year, "here I am. And here I'm going to stay for twelve whole months."

"I shan't cheat. I won't be one to give short measure. No, I'll be here my full amount of time."

"I just heard some one say that time was really running away from her."

"Time won't do that. Of course time moves very quickly along—much too quickly, really, but it won't run away from any one."

"Time won't wait for any one, either. Time is very strict."

"But I'm glad to have a look around before I really begin a year. I don't feel I have really begun until I have been here a bit."

No one will notice for a few days whether I'm being a successful or pleasant year or not."

"I'll just take a look and see if things are as the Old Year told me I'd find them."

"The Old Year told me I'd find the world very beautiful with lovely places in it and lots of people."

"Some of the people I'd find quite big, and some I'd find quite small, the Old Year told me."

"And I see that the Old Year was right."

"The Old Year told me that people would make fine resolutions the first day they saw me—and even just before the Old Year left they began making splendid resolutions."

"But the Old Year told me not to be disappointed if they were not all kept."

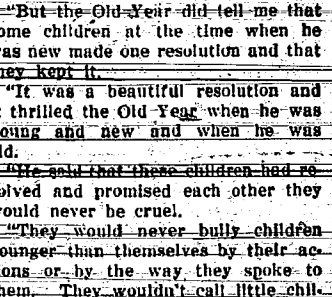
"Then, too, the Old Year said, it would never do if it were so perfect a world that there would be nothing to make a resolution about."

"But the Old Year did tell me that some children at the time when he was new made one resolution and that they kept it."

"It was a beautiful resolution and it thrilled the Old Year when he was young and new and when he was old."

"He said that these children had resolved and promised each other they would never be cruel."

"They would never bully children younger than themselves by their actions or by the way they spoke to them. They wouldn't call little chil-



"It Was a Beautiful Resolution."

dren babies when they knew they wouldn't like to be called babies and when, too, they weren't babies any longer."

"They made up their minds they would not be cruel to any of their species—they wouldn't say things to hurt others' feelings."

"For that, the Old Year said, is being cruel, too."

"They agreed never to be unkind to animals, to make fun of another's clothes, never to make older people feel they were a nuisance and much too old, anyway."

"They promised each other they would keep this resolution. And the Old Year, as I've told you, told me that they did."

"While I look around me I'm hoping that there will be others who will make that same resolution and that I will have the joy, too, of seeing it kept."

"For the Old Year said there was nothing so dreadful as cruelty. Cruelty by word or deed," he said, "was just too dreadful!"

"Ah, do I hear that resolution being made by some others now? Yes, I do!"

"Thrilling! Dear me, I won't have to wish myself a Happy New Year."

"It know I'll be a Happy New Year."

"And what do I hear now?"

"Grown-ups making a resolution never to hurt the feelings of children, never to tell them how they have grown, and all of the many speeches children get so tired of hearing, and which hurt their feelings."

"The Old Year told me about these speeches, too, and he was hoping some of the Grown-Ups would make this New Year's resolution."

"Oh, now I start off with great glee being a New Year."

"And it's fun to start off with great glee—particularly when all about you people are saying:

"Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year!"

Riddles

Which is the largest room in the world?

The room for improvement.

When have sparrows four feet?

When there are two of them.

What has three feet, yet it cannot walk on an inch?

A ruler.

What is smaller than a goat's mouth?

Its tongue.

When does a girl knit without using knitting needles?

When she knits her brows.

Why is the letter A like a field of clover?

Because there is a B after it.

How do we know that lions are gas sips?

Because they are tall beavers.

New Screw Driver

Among the recent inventions is a new-handled screw driver that holds any screw by its slot with a firm grip, thereby adapting itself particularly to machines composed of small parts, radio sets, typewriters, etc.

The tool consists of a hollow shaft engaging a screw driver bit at one end. A rod down the center is connected to two pieces of spring steel which, when extended, cover the screw driver bit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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When Elizabeth was learning to walk, she fell against a stove and burned both hands. The left hand re-

Make good—or make room

sponded to treatment, but the right gave indications of knotting into a fist.

Surgeons decided to try to restore the hand to use by plastic surgery. Small bits of flesh were removed from the girl's leg and grafted to the hand, which was then fitted with a plaster cast to remold it to normal shape. Surgeons said that the cast is doing its work, and that the girl will be able to leave the hospital shortly.

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